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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am pleased to write on behalf of Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club in support of the planned affiliation between Swedish Covenant Health and NorthShore University HealthSystem. The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club has partnered with Swedish Covenant Health for many years, from collaborating on our annual youth scholarship fundraiser to providing Bystander CPR sessions for our community at NBGC. We are also active participants in the ongoing Community Leader engagement program, which emphasizes community health initiatives like head injury prevention, Bystander CPR and other wellness targets.

As a nonprofit independent organization, Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is deeply committed to enhance the well-being and develop the potential of our members, their families and the community. Swedish Covenant Health has worked closely with our organization to ensure that all members of the community have an opportunity to engage in important wellness offerings.

Swedish Covenant Health's partnership with NorthShore will strengthen and enhance its services for residents in the City of the Chicago. I believe that joining the NorthShore system will allow Swedish Covenant Health to adapt to the ever-changing health care environment while maintaining the patient-centric approach to care it has become known for. Swedish Covenant Health provides significant jobs, critical services, community support and many opportunities within the north side of Chicago. By combining resources with NorthShore, Swedish Covenant Health is taking a huge step to ensure that north side residents have the best, most cost-effective healthcare available, which translates into more stable, long-term healthcare and employment in the community.

This new collaboration will assure access to Swedish Covenant Health's high quality health services for the diverse community they have served for more than 130 years. The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club looks forward to a continued partnership with Swedish Covenant Health as they take this next step to become part of NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sadowski
Executive Director